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REMARKS

In the Office Action of April 5, 2005, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-5, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the patent to Liverani '001. The Examiner also rejected Claims 6, 7, 12-14 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liverani '001 in view of Anson. The Examiner indicated that Claims 8, 9, 15 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 by combining this Claim with the substance of Claim 8. Applicant has amended Claim 10 by combining this Claim with Claim 15. Finally, Applicant has amended Claim 17 by adding an element which is comparable to the element recited in Claims 8 and 15. Applicant has added Claim 22 which is identical in substance to Claims 9 and 16. Applicant has also cancelled Claims 8 and 15. It is respectfully submitted that as amended independent Claims 1, 10 and 17 have been combined with previously indicated allowable subject matter, all of the Claims now remaining in the application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the allowance and passage of the application to issue are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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